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FRANCE'S RUHR WARNING.

GERMAN MINISTERS HARRIED.

Berlin, February 22.

A message from Essen says that General Degoutie has instructed the police and other authorities in the Ruhr to arrest any German minister contravening the order not to enter the occupied zone and to bring him before the Military Court, otherwise sanctions such as the punishment of the towns concerned will be applied. From Gelsenkirchen it is learned that a hundred million marks have been collected by the French composed of 83 million municipal emergency currency, 17 million from the railway treasury but the municipal currency is out of circulation and the public is warned against accepting it.

A BRUSH AT BOCHUM.

Bochum, February 22.

While French troops with a tank were occupying the law courts the crowd booed whet upon a young soldier lost his head and unprovoked fired point blank at ten yards distance killing one workman and seriously injuring two others. Enraged, the people man-handled a French civilian who was rescued by the police.

STILL GOING STRONG.

SENATE FILIBUSTER CONTINUES.

WASHINGTON, February 22.

By agreement the Ship Subsidy Bill was laid aside at nine last night to permit consideration of conference reports on the Appropriation Bill after which the Senate adjourned until nine in the morning when the filibuster was resumed. A filibuster started in the House of representatives last night on a secondary issue but lasted only a few hours.

AN AUDIENCE OF ONE.

WASHINGTON, February 22.

Continuing the filibuster Senator Gooding spoke for seventy minutes on the stabilization of wheat prices. Senator McKellar followed on a number of topics, his sole auditor being the Republican Senator Jones who is in charge of the Bill. In commemoration of Washington's birthday Senator Glass took up the filibuster, reading Washington's farewell address.

DIPLOMATIC DRINK QUERY.

AMOUNTS NOT DISCLOSED.

WASHINGTON, February 22.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Mellon informed the House of Representatives that it was incompatible with the public interest to disclose the amount of liquor imported by foreign diplomatic representatives.

[The mysterious source of a large quantity of liquor which the prohibition officials allege is at present being consumed in Washington led the House of Representatives to authorize an enquiry as to the importation of diplomatic liquor.]

SPECIAL PROFITS SUBTLE.

AGITATION IN COMMONS.

LONDON, February 22.

In the House of Commons, questioned as to whether he was prepared to introduce legislation to secure for the state portion of large profits like the Imperial Tobacco Company's, Mr. Stanley Baldwin said a special surtax was a matter of argument and would be raised in the forthcoming budget debate.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

LONDON, February 22.

The Executive Council of the Empire Exhibition has adopted the report of Sir Jocelyn Hicks.

FRENCH SENATE'S NEW PRESIDENT.

PARIS, February 22.

M. Doumergue was elected President of the Senate by 142 votes to 135. The latter were cast for M. D. R. Cayrol and Francis of the Senate.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/3 15/16.
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BRITISH DEBT SETTLEMENT.

REPRESENTATIVES RATIFY BILL.

WASHINGTON, February 22.

The House of Representatives has ratified the Anglo American debt settlement bill.

WASHINGTON, February 22.

The House of Representatives adopted the Senate amendments to the debt settlement bill of which the principal one provides for Congressional instead of Presidential approval in settlements with other nations.

BILLION DOLLAR BILLS.

WASHINGTON, February 22.

The British bonds under the debt settlement will be of the largest denominations ever issued from the Bank of England. The greatest will probably be for a billion dollars.

FRANCE AND SOVIET.

RELATIONS BEING RESUMED.

PARIS, February 22.

The Echo National says that Cabinet has decided to re-open negotiations with the Soviet Government and a mission will be despatched a month hence.

REPORT OFFICIALLY DENIED.

PARIS, February 22.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs denies that it is shortly contemplated to resume diplomatic relations with Russia and states that there is no question of despatching a political mission thither.

M.C.C.'S SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR.

LAST NAME OF THE SERIES.

DURBAN, February 22.

In connection with the series of five test matches arranged for the M.C.C.'s tour England has won two and South Africa one and two have been drawn. In cloudy weather on an easy wicket England won by 109. South Africa were out for 234, Taylor putting together 102 runs in four and half hours, and hitting six fours. They gallantly fought a hopeless battle against splendid English bowling and fielding. Kennedy took 5 for 76.

ANCIENT TEMPLE FOUND.

LINK WITH NEBUHADNEZZAR'S TEMPLE.

PHILADELPHIA, February 22.

Sir Frederic Kenyon, Director of the British Museum, who is at present touring the United States, has received news of the discovery by a joint expedition from the British Museum and the University of Pennsylvania of an ancient temple in the Chaldean city of Ur built three thousand years before Christ and repaired by Nebuchadnezzar.

BURNED CANADIAN CHURCHES.

INSURANCE COMPANIES' ACTION.

MONTREAL, February 22.

As the result of the recent suspicious fire the insurance companies have cancelled all policies in Canada to churches, schools and religious institutions in Canada and have instructed their agents to renew the policies at new rates representing increases of from 32 to 60 per cent.

RAISING THE WIND.

ARGENTINE'S NEW LOANS.

BUENOS AIRES, February 22.

The Government has submitted to Congress a Bill for a foreign loan of 150 million gold pesos at six per cent at 92 and an internal loan of 700 million paper pesos to consolidate the country's floating debt.

PRINCE GEORGE.

FURTHER OPERATION.

LONDON, February 22.

Prince George underwent a further operation at Buckingham Palace in the morning. It was of a minor character and was quite successful.

DAVIS OFF FRENCH.

IRELAND'S CHALLENGE.

LONDON, February 22.

Ireland has issued a challenge to the Davis Cup.

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ANY QUESTIONS?

GREEN ISLAND MEETING SURPRISE.

SHAREHOLDERS' INQUIRY.

I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any question which shareholders may desire to put. The invitation with which the chairman's speech traditionally concludes at company meetings is not often, in Hongkong at any rate, taken advantage of to the extent it was at the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Green Island Cement Company Limited which was held at the offices of the General Managers (Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company) this morning.

Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and supporting him were Sir Paul Chater, Father Robert and Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard and A. O. Lang (Directors) and Mr. Allan Keith (Secretary). The shareholders who attended were: Messrs. W. J. Stokes, C. H. Lyson, Tse Tsau tai, M. S. Northcote, A. Stevenson, A. A. Cordeiro, W. J. Hawker, W. T. Shewan, H. Smythe, F. P. de V. Soares, Poon F. Cho, Yu Chung Sh, W. J. Carroll and J. M. Alves.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen: With your permission as the report and accounts have been in your hands for some days, I will take them as read.

In my remarks last year, I said we were beginning to feel the competition of cheap brands of European cement and we had to contend with this competition throughout the year. Prices have been lower in consequence so that we have not been able to repeat the record profits made in 1921. The result, however, I trust you will consider satisfactory under all the circumstances. The net profit, including the sum of \$100,617.80 brought forward from last year amounts to \$1,017,795.68, out of which we have already paid an interim dividend of \$200,000, leaving a balance at the credit of Profit and Loss Account of \$817,795.68, which we recommend be dealt with as follows:—

To pay a Final Dividend of \$1.50 per share	\$ 600,000.00
To place to reserve for New Plant	50,000.00
To write off Buildings and Machinery at the Macao Works, an additional	50,000.00
To donate to War Memorial Hospital	5,000.00
To Bonus to Staff	14,182.80
To carry forward to credit of next year's a/c	98,633.68
	\$ 817,795.68

As regards the future I do not care to prophesy, but exchange is in our favour and it continues to fall, it will be of good assistance to us in competing with brands from home.

With regard to additional machinery, we went very carefully into this matter and found that since the war, a new type of kiln had come into vogue on the Continent, and we accordingly instructed our Works Manager, Mr. Arnot, when at home, to look into this before we decided to purchase a Rotary Kiln. The result is that he recommends our experimenting with these new mechanical grate kilns, and are sanguine that the results will be favourable. We shall only begin with two Aalborgs, but we have fourteen, all of which could be converted in time into these new kilns, and so increase the output very considerably; but to convert the whole fourteen would be a very large undertaking and it would probably be years before we would dispose of such an increased quantity of cement.

Increased output means, of course, more grinding and other machinery in proportion and a considerably expenditure of funds, but the whole expenditure will show a very great saving on the cost of the rotary kilns we had intended to order.

The dust collecting plant, owing to circumstances beyond our control, has cost us more than we anticipated (i.e. \$150,000) but I am glad to say it has done what it was expected to do and has eliminated the dust nuisance from the rotary kilns entirely. There now only remains the smoke, and this complaint, although we have already reduced the smoke very considerably by the use of mechanical stokers, will also be entirely removed as soon as we can install electric power instead of steam from the mechanical

grate kilns, we are told there will be no dust and the smoke will be negligible.

Our Deep Water Bay Works show a small loss, I am sorry to say, owing to the poor demand for pipes last year. As, however, there is a very great demand for ordinary building bricks, we have decided to put up a kiln for making these bricks, as at present prices there should be a fair margin of profit.

Turning to the Accounts, you will notice that we gave during last year a sum of \$1,000 to the Swatow Relief Fund, and in the allocation of profits for last year, you will see that we propose to donate a sum of \$5,000 as a contribution to the War Memorial Hospital, which I trust will meet with your approval.

I now propose that the Report and Accounts, as presented, be adopted, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions that shareholders may wish to put.

BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS.

LINK STONE SUPPLY.

When Mr. D. G. M. Bernard had seconded the resolution Mr. W. T. Shewan fired at the Chairman a barrage of questions which lasted for several minutes.

Mr. W. T. Shewan:—Can you tell me anything about lime stones. Are you getting them in any larger quantities?

The Chairman:—Certainly not in larger quantities, owing to the troubles in Kwangtung.

Mr. Shewan:—Have you any other sources of supply?—We hope to get some in the New Territories, but we have not got them yet.

Mr. Shewan:—Will that make a saving?—Oh, yes, we hope to make a saving if we can work this quarry in the New Territory. We have got some samples and they are very promising.

Mr. Shewan:—Nothing very definite yet, then?—Well, it is, definite.

Will it make you independent of Canton?—I should not like to say "independent" but it will be a great help to us.

COAL ECONOMY.

With regard to coal consumption, are you making any economy in that?—You will see that there will be a great economy with these new kilns.

LAND AT HOK UN.

What about the land you have got at Hok Un. I see that stands on the books at \$105,000. Was that its cost price?—No, it was written up some years ago.

Can you give me any idea of the market value of the land?—Not better than you can yourself.

What is its approximate value?—I should think about \$2.50 or \$3 per foot.

And it stands in the books at \$12?—Yes.

TOO MUCH ON FIXED DEPOSIT? I see you have on fixed deposit about 14 lakhs. Is that not rather much to keep on fixed deposit seeing it is only earning five per cent?—Well, six lakhs will go away in dividend.

Well that will still leave a large amount?—Yes, but we have been keeping that to send to London for the new kilns. We may be wanting it at any time.

Don't you think it would be better if this money were invested in local stocks. I see several local companies have made profits from local investments?—We cannot gamble in local shares.

MACAO WORKS. I see that the Macao works have been written off another \$50,000. I suppose that is very much below the value of them?—What is the value of it? We cannot sell it.

But I suppose it is below the cost of replacement?—Of course these works are obsolete now.

DUST PLANT RESERVE.

How about this dust plant?—I see there has been some alteration in the system of accounts. Last year you had a special reserve of \$100,000 for it. Now you have altered that and debited it from the cost of buildings and machinery. What was the idea of altering that system instead of leaving it as it was?—Because we have spent that sum. As a matter of fact it was the auditors who instructed us to do it that way.

But does that not seem rather confusing? It would have been better to have left it as it was, don't you think?—I am not going to criticize the auditors.

CASTLE PEAK PROPERTY.

Castle Peak property, you have written that down 10 per cent. That has not depreciated in value, I suppose?—Not that I know of.

What is the idea of this Castle Peak property?—In these early prospects of transferring the factory to Castle Peak?—No, not at all.

Or to any other place?—No, the cost would be enormous.

SPECIAL CABLE.

NOTED TENNIS PLAYER.

A. W. GORE PASSING THROUGH HONGKONG.

(Cable Mail Special.)

SINGAPORE, Feb. 23. Mr. A. W. Gore, who was three times tennis champion of England, has arrived here on his way to Shanghai.

ROBBED SHOT.

EXCITING AFFAIR AT YAU MATI.

An armed robbery at Arthur Street Yau mati, yesterday afternoon resulted in one of the desperadoes being shot by a lunko after a chase. Another was arrested some distance from the scene of the affair, with some of the stolen property on his person.

Taking advantage of the fact that the inmates, four women and a man were engaged in a game of *Ma Cheuk* the four robbers gained admittance and threatened the players with daggers. Adopting the usual *modus operandi* of first blinding and gagging the unfortunate gamblers, the robbers had secured loot to the value of \$218 when a pigwash woman arrived and gave the alarm.

At the end of Arthur Street the robbers, who had run off, dispersed in different directions. Near the pumping station, the man from the house succeeded with others in capturing one robber, who had thrown away his shoes to help his flight.

In Shang'ai Street another robber was fired at twice by a Chinese constable, one bullet going right through him and the other lodging in his head. The robber staggered a few paces, drew out a handkerchief to wipe the blood from his mouth, again reeled and then fell dead.

OLD WOMAN ROBBED.

A "DOCTOR OF HERBS."

Before the Chief Justice and a Jury composed of Messrs. J. H. Scott (foreman), A. H. Neaves, P. R. Glendon, J. C. Botelho, A. Carmichael, C. H. W. Kew and H. W. Fetterly, a Chinese named Lau Hon-bin alias Lau Tung, was charged to-day with robbery from the person of a woman named Lo Ng-moi, at Yau mati on January 20, of one gold ring and \$23.20 in money.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, said the victim of the robbery was an old woman of 72 years, who lived in an unimproved house in Shanghai Street, Yau mati, and described her self as a "doctor of herbs." At 8 a.m., on January 20, prisoner came to her house and asked her to come and see someone who was very ill. The woman went with him. Prisoner took her to an out of the way spot, where, it was alleged by the woman, he committed an indecent offence on her and then stole the ring and money which were kept in a purse in her girdle. Later the same day, Inspector Murphy went with the woman to a house in Samshui where she identified the prisoner and he was arrested. (Proceeding.)

cies. We might want it as a depot for stones.

INVESTMENTS.

Then I see you have investments book value \$69,000 and market value \$97,000. Can you tell me that these investments are?—War Bonds.

All War Bonds?—No, not all War Bonds. There is \$10,000 in the Hongkong Government Loan and the rest are Bonds.

Any in local shares?—No.

SUNDRY DEBTS.

Then I see that Sundry Debts are at \$428,000. Last year it was only about \$260,000?—It varies; it goes on all the time.

It seems rather a large amount. Is it credit you have given?—Yes, in different parts of the world. There are consignments everywhere.

What shipments to different ports?—Yes.

Thank you, that is all. There were no further questions, and the resolution was carried.

Mr. Smythe proposed the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Sir Paul Chater as Directors and the re-election of Mr. A. O. Lang and Father Robert.

COLOURED MAN'S CHALLENGE.

WOULD FIGHT DRUNK OR SOBER.

"I won't let any man take an advantage of me. I'd fight them drunk or sober," said William Lewis, a coloured man when charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with being drunk and disorderly in Spring Garden Lane.

Inspector Blackman, who proved two previous convictions, told his Worship how defendant hit neshes coolies and pedestrians with a big stick.

When the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$20 or one month, Lewis said he did not mind the fine.

THREATENING LETTER.

"DO NOT DARE TO FAIL."

In the Paoien Judge's Court at the Criminal Sessions to-day two Chinese were charged with having demanded money by menaces, and with intimidation.

They pleaded "not guilty" and the following Jury was empanelled: Messrs. A. G. W. Ogilvie (foreman), W. S. Drake, T. R. Parsons, M. A. Gomes, R. Taylor, A. Germain and P. A. Xavier Piquet.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball said the complainant was Mr. Cho Man yuet, so constant of the Kwong Ching Cheung furniture shop of Hellywood Road. At 8 p.m., on January 6, the prisoners came to the shop, and after calling Mr. Cho to the doorway, No. 1 left a letter on a chest of drawers and then both walked out.

The letter said "At present our brothers have important matters in hand and we ask you for a loan of \$500. Immediately on receipt of this letter meet us at the Cheung Yee tea-house, Saiyingsun. Do not dare to fail." It was signed "Tung Yee Shih."

Mr. Cho took the letter to the police and did not keep the appointment. Nothing more was heard of the prisoners until January 12, when they came again accompanied by three other men. No. 1 asked "What about the letter?" and when Mr. Cho asked "What letter?" said "You are a champing stupid, I will shoot you if you don't go to the Cheung Yee tea-house at 1 o'clock." Mr. Cho again went to the police and two detectives went with him to the tea-house where he pointed out prisoners and they were arrested.

(Proceeding.)

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Chiao Order 1 & Clay, which is the highest honour conferred on any foreigner in China. Mr. Hardoon has, for several years, maintained educational institutions at his own expense where several hundred boys and girls receive free tuition, board and lodging.

A present to the bride and bridegroom was a coffee percolator from the staff of the Public School for Chinese, from the bride to the bridesmaid, a gold wristlet; from the Cathedral Choir to the bridegroom a silver cigarette box; and also a set of silver knives, a silver fork and a silver eating dish, from local businessmen.

qually, Baby's Own Tablets are indicated for the treatment of all the ailments of good medicine—a Boast for Children and a Cry of the Sea of Misery!

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ODDS AND ENDS

MAINLY SOISSOR LOOTS.

Siamese Twins Separated.
A successful operation separating a pair of Siamese twins, Ruth and Sylvia Zarelsky, born on November 2, was reported in Brooklyn by Dr. Phil Miniberg, a specialist in obstetrics (says *Reuter* from New York). When the twins were born the head of one was under the chin of the other, and joined to the chest. One weighed 5lb. and the other 5lb. The mother consented to the operation. Both children are healthy.

Too Many Coppers.
A notice has been issued by the Mint requesting large business interests, such as banks and railway companies, who act as clearing houses for the coinage of the realm, to withhold from circulation and return to the Mint all copper coin of uncrowned Queen Victoria stampage.

The reason assigned for this is that there are at present too many copper coins in circulation, and as the penny piece showing the head of Queen Victoria "uncrowned" are the most worn, they are regarded as the most suitable pieces to be withdrawn.

The Japanese Toy Trade.
The complete collapse of the Japanese toy trade with foreign countries, following the war boom, was a surprise to many people who had believed that the Japanese people had unique opportunities and unusual aptitude in this industry. Germany rapidly recaptured the principal markets, Japanese toys becoming very unpopular, probably because of their flimsiness. Last year's trade shows a very slight improvement, the value of toys exported in the first ten months being ¥6,087,265 against ¥6,005,566 for the corresponding period of last year. The value of the 1920 exports for a like period was more than three times as high. Prices being lower last year, the increase in quantity of exports is probably larger than the increase in value. A Tokyo paper says the Japanese manufacturers are hopeful of winning larger markets. They will have a better chance when the German exchange rate goes higher, but their future depends mainly on their maintaining a high standard of quality.

Names for Houses.
Nothing sticks like a house name, and so nothing should be more carefully chosen. Yet the fact is that there is, as a rule, far less trouble taken about the choice of the name than the choice of the stair carpet (commentary in *John O'London's Weekly*). The fault, of course, lies largely with the speculative builder, who dearly loves to label his creation with some hybrid title as "Bella Vista." Or else he takes a name from the newspaper of the day. Walking through the suburbs of any English town you can tell at a glance the date of half the houses you pass by the names on the gates.

"Assouan" you may be sure, was built about 1897, and "Kimberley" or "Pretoria" three or four years later. The Great War is already commemorated by scores of names of places where battles were fought. We find French, Italian, Turkish, and Egyptian names so used. A house in a street or road should have a name not a name, but the case is different when it comes to a house built in the country. Here the house must have a name, and it is most necessary that the name should be appropriate. Unless that new house stands upon the site of an old abbey, grange, or manor, it is entirely wrong to give it any such designation. I remember a case in which a rich man built a brand new house in the West Country and called it something Court. The comments of his neighbors were caustic. Sometimes the difficulty may be solved by the large-scale ordnance map. The field itself in which the house is built may have an old name of its own. Sometimes the line of the land, a brook, a fork, a clump of trees, or a knoll may give a name. "High Beeches," "Straneford," "Hardlands" are examples in point. "Badger's Holt" and "Pier's Knoll" are better ones. If you want to realize how beautiful house names can be, study your Kipling. "High Pardons," "Rockets," "Griffons," and "Gale Anzley"—these names please one like the scent of moist earth after a summer shower.

Dr. Herbert Ashley Gallell, 49, ophthalmic surgeon to Southend Corporation, and a member of the "Rongon" Society, also late senior house surgeon at Guy's Hospital, London, died at a Westcliff nursing home after a month's illness.

A nurse at Swansea Hospital, who opened the door of an ambulance which had brought two injured men to the institution, was shocked to find one of them to be her brother. Both men had been severely burnt at an explosion at Tylepella Colliery, Carmyllin.

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

The visa on passports of British travellers to Spain is abolished.

M. Gaston Bonnier, French botanist, died in Paris aged 69.

Electrical equipment of brass, iron, or lead is being raised in price in Germany to 6,000 per cent. of the 1918 prices.

Aeroplane on the Toulouse, France-Oasablanca, Morocco passenger and mail service will call in future at Tangier.

Brewery workers' wages at Burton-on-Trent are to be reduced by 4s. weekly at once with another cut of 2s. in March.

An old wooden water main, made of hollowed-out elm trees, has been dug up at Marylebone, N.W., during street repairs.

Two blind musicians at Hull, Mr. John Ellis, 60, and Mrs. Ada Louisa Freeman, 43, were married. The bride sings to her husband's accompaniment.

Hull Tramways Committee recommended the acceptance of a Belgian tender for 1,000 tons of tramway rails at £9,547 against a British tender of £14,330.

The King and Queen were represented by Sir Henry Stonor, Gentleman Usher, at the funeral at Clarendon Church, Windsor, of Mr. John Hilley, Court postmaster since 1906.

Mr. Krown Boyd, the Secretary-General to the Egyptian Foreign Office, has been appointed Egyptian Director-General of Public Security in succession to Mr. Monteith Smith.

With money subscribed by children in New Zealand through the Church Army, 1,100 poor children of London were given a Christmas dinner and entertainment at the Guildhall, R.C.

Walter Harry Cox, 73, was sent to 6 months' hard labour at Herfordshire Quarter Sessions at St. Albans for embezzling money collected by him as bailiff of Barnet County Court.

For killing one pig in sight of another a Folkestone slaughterman and his two assistants were fined 6s. 8d. each. They said one ran into the slaughter-house while the other was being slaughtered.

A complete set of English 15th-century alabaster relief carvings of the twelve Apostles has been presented to the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, by the National Art-Collectors Fund.

Capt. Richard Rood, 81, who was buried at Cowes, Isle of Wight, was a noted navigator of racing yachts and an inventor of a number of nautical instruments. He fell on evil days and died in the workhouse infirmary.

Oxford defeated Cambridge by 9 points in the second annual cross country ski race, which took place at Wengen, in the Tyrol, the time of Klavense, the Oxford captain, who was first, being 14min. 45sec. for the 5 miles.

At the inquest at Oundle, Northamptonshire, on Francis Sheldon, 45, labourer, it was stated that after blowing away half his face by a gunshot he walked 400 yards to a level-crossing and called the gate-keeper before collapsing.

Mr. Arthur Francis Graham Loveton-Gower, for many years in the Diplomatic Service, who was buried at Tisbury, near Godstone, Surrey, had his tombstone prepared many years ago. It bears the names of his two wives, followed by his own.

LIVE SHELL MYSTERY.
18-FOUNDER ON PROKHAM PAVEMENT.
Many peculiar problems fall to the lot of the policeman in the daily round, but three Peckham constables found themselves baffled one evening in small way.

They were informed by a Mr. Burdon that on his way through Eveling-road, Nunhead, he kicked against "something hard" lying on the pavement outside a garage.

On examination he found the object to be a live 18-pounder shell. Satisfied with the one kick, Mr. Burdon made off for assistance.

At a late hour three police men stood on guard round the unwelcome discovery waiting for the advent of any turned in, of someone "who knew something about shells."

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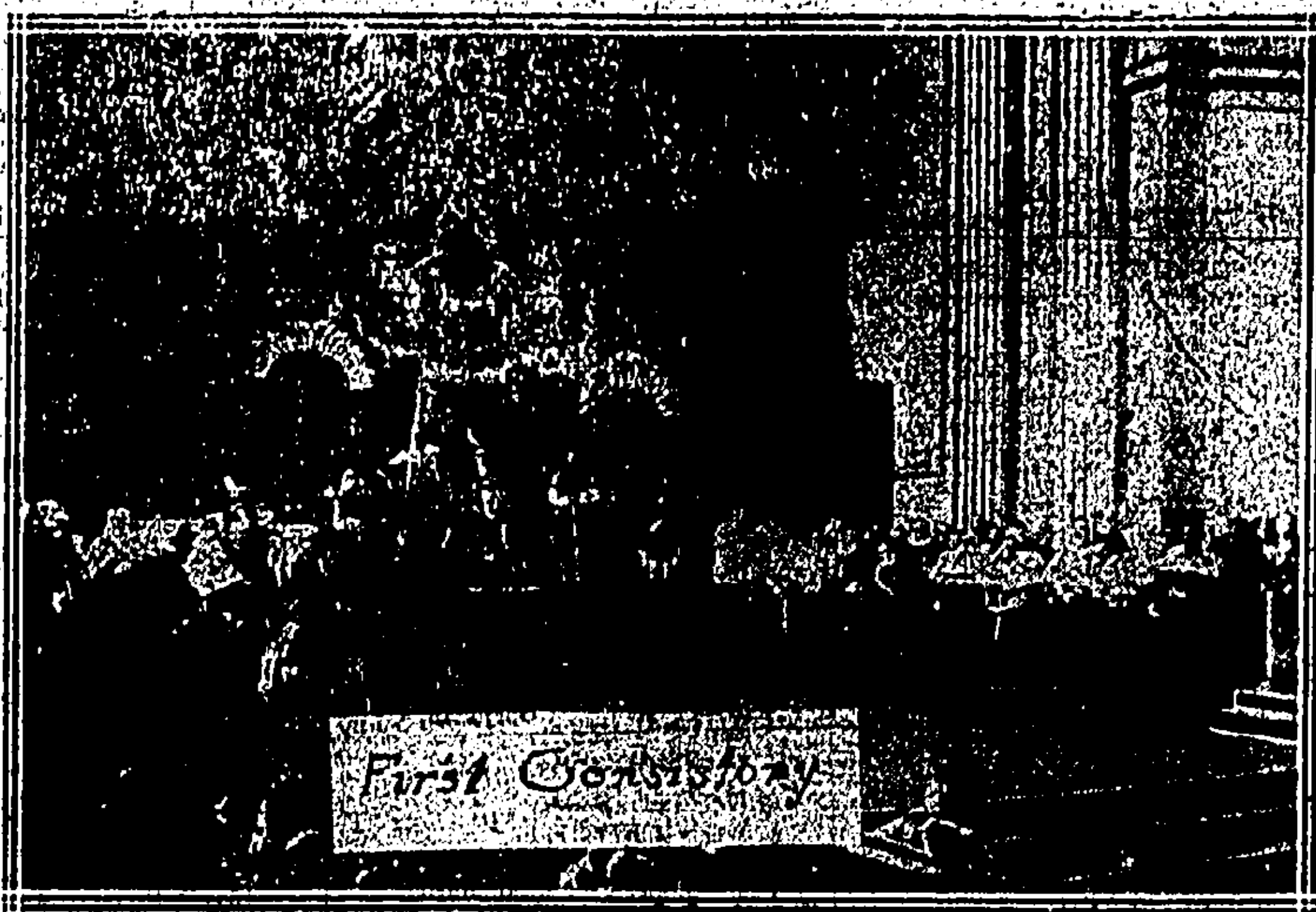
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Pope Pius XI at his first consistory, held in Rome, at which several new cardinals were created.



Mr. Asquith, former Premier, is reported ready to accept the post of British Ambassador to the United States, taking the place of Sir Auckland Gaddes, who, it is said, is ready to retire.

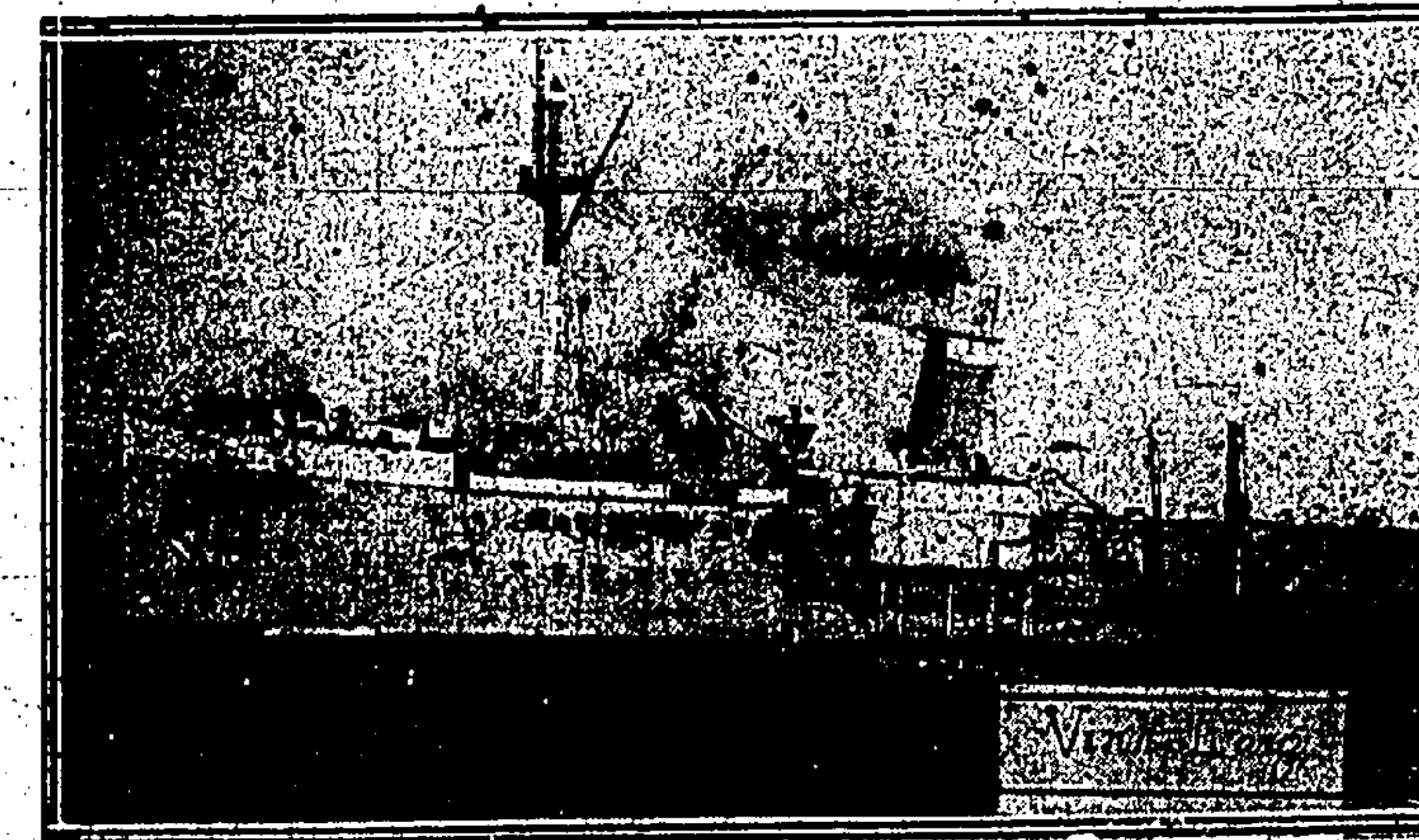


Col. T. E. Lawrence, C.B., D.S.O.

Colonel T. E. Lawrence, C. B. D. S. O., whose brilliant achievements in Arabia have won him world renown—praise from the Allies and \$7,000 reward for his help from the Turks—has been heard from again. This romantic figure—student, archaeologist, linguist, diplomat and soldier—has been serving for the past four months as a humble mechanic in the air Force both to get freedom for writing and to get new material. His original manuscript was stolen from him three years ago in a train. His identity, for he used an assumed name, was discovered during a kit inspection, when an officer noticed that he had books in English, French, Italian, German and Arabic in his possession.



America's Chief Justice, Mr. William Howard Taft and eight senior Judges Circuit recently held a conference with President Harding to discuss the handling of business in the Federal Courts.



This photograph shows the burning of the huge French capital ship "Vinh-Long", which was destroyed while carrying doctors, nurses and supplies from Toulon to the Near East. An American destroyer picked up her distress signal and bearing alongside, was able to save several hundred lives. Twenty people were killed.



Crown Point, Indiana, is known as the American Greta Green and it is asserted more people are married there yearly than in any other town in the United States. But the warmth of young love couldn't keep Justice of the Peace Howard H. Kemp, the marrying Justice, warm during the coal famine. Accordingly he gathered up the hundreds of boxes that had contained wedding rings, which had been left in his office, and kept the home fires burning.

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England of his recent discoveries in
the tomb of Tutankhamen. He said
the find represented a previously
almost unknown period in Egyptian
history, but was of great value be-
cause the death of the King occurred
at what was, apparently, the height
of artistic development in Egypt.
Mr. Burton, an Englishman, of New
York, was at present engaged in
photographing the various objects. A
certain amount of luck was attached
to his find. In most cases the tombs
of the kings had been freely robbed,
but the importance of his discoveries
was increased by the fact that the
Tomb of Tutankhamen had not been
tampered with since twenty years
after its sealing. He believed that
the tomb had been lost sight of
owing to the failure of the commission
formed by Ramses IX. to report upon
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YOUR DREAMS.

WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

SECRETS OF THE SOUL.

The great majority of people do not
believe that dreams are worth a
second thought, but if they know of
what value these visions are they
would pay strict attention to them.
For the dream, when correctly in-
terpreted, shows us the nature of the
working of the hidden mind.
Dreams only appear, nontenseful
because they are always disguised.
All disturbing and terrifying dreams
represent the hidden mental conflict
of nature that are causing us worry or
anxiety or fear, which we bottle up
in the dim recesses of the mind rather
than allow them their natural outlet.
We should have these dreams in-
terpreted for the sake of our mental
health, for it is possible to alter the
nature of dreams and relieve them
of their terror.

Thus soldiers often bottle up their
terrifying experiences, only to find
them coming out in dreams again. If
they talk of them openly those
dreams lose their terror. It is the
same with all painful or unpleasant
episodes—open confession is best for
the mind. In dreams the mind is
"backfiring."
There is just one warning to be
given about relating dreams. Be sure
(advise "A Physician" in the London
Daily Herald) that the person to
whom you relate them is absolutely
trustworthy; for the dream reveals
your hidden soul at work, and you
may disclose some secret long since
buried—as you thought—which is re-
surrected in a dream.
You do not recognize its meaning,
but someone else may.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The P. & O. s.s. "Dorset" will
leave for this port on Monday Feb.
19 at 5 p.m. and return here on Saturday,
Feb. 21 at about 9 a.m.

BELGIUM'S TRADE.

MISSION TO CHINA AND
JAPAN.

BRUSSELS, February 22.

The Belgian Central Industrial
Committee gave a reception to the
economic mission to Japan. The
Japanese Ambassador expressed his
conviction that the mission would
be most successful. M. Jasper
said that Belgium urgently required
new outlets abroad for her products
to replace the former markets at her
doors.

BRUSSELS, January 12.

A big effort is being made by Belgian
manufacturers, aided by the Govern-
ment, to extend their foreign trade.
Under the auspices of the Comité
Central Industriel, a Belgian or-
ganization similar to the Federation
of British Industries, a mission,
comprising representatives of the
leading firms of the country, has
started for the Far East with the
avowed object of recapturing pre-
war markets for Belgian goods in
China and Japan, which have been
practically lost since the war.

A similar mission was organized
by the Government about a year
ago under the direction of M. Rou-
ma which, during the course of
1922, visited the various South
American Republics and carried out
a programme of trade propaganda
for Belgian industry. Its effects
are becoming apparent. Some
months ago Brazil placed consider-
able orders with Belgian metallurgi-
cal firms; and now the Argentine
Republic has placed an order with
the Comptoir des Acieries Belges
for 30,000 tons of rails (37 kg.), as
well as for railway accessories. A
further order for 54,000 tons of rails
is announced, and negotiations have
been opened in connection with the
supply of 25 locomotives and 2,000
wagons.

The Polish Government has just
placed an order for 180 locomotives
and for railway materials, compris-
ing signals, points, bolts, etc. The
total value of foreign orders
amounts to hundreds of millions of
francs and will have the twofold
effect of providing employment and
improving the value of the Belgian
franc.

The Minister of Finance, M.
Theunis, has laid before the Cham-
ber a project for the modification of
the Customs tariff; 7,200 articles
divided into 21 classes will be af-
fected. The following are the chief
points from the point of view of
Anglo-Belgian commercial rela-
tions:

1. The free entry of raw materials
necessary to Belgian industry, as
well as essential articles of food
which are not produced in sufficient
quantity in Belgium.

2. The increase from 10 to 20 per
cent. ad valorem of the duty on
paper, metal goods, glass, engines,
machinery, and similar manufac-
tures.

3. Increase from 1 to 5 per cent.
on semi-manufactured goods to be
finished by Belgian industry.

4. The maximum tariff will be
applied to goods from those coun-
tries with which there is no reciproc-
al tariff.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says
the economic mission to China and
Japan organized by the Comité Cen-
tral Industriel de Belgique will
leave Marseilles for Kobe on Febru-
ary 25. The mission will be under
the leadership of the well-known
Mons manufacturer, M. Canon-
Legrand, who will be accompanied
by several technical experts, repre-
senting the following:—The Société
John Cockerill, the Société Anonyme
Ougrée-Mariharve, the Société La
Brugnotte et Nicaise et Delcuve, the
Maison Polter, of Verviers, the
Forge de la Providence, the Société
Anonyme d'Espérance, Longdoz,
the Nouvelles Usines Bolinckx, the
Cableries du Hainaut, the rolling
material manufacturers, the ma-
chine tool makers, etc. The mis-
sion will also include a delegate of
the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger.

CRICKET.

INDIAN REC. CLUB v. MR.
PONSONBY FANE'S XI.

The following will represent the
Indians in the above match to-
morrow at 2.15 p.m. at Sookumpoo
Valley:—A. D. Arnoult (capt.), B.
H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, O. Ismail,
U. M. Omar, D. Rumjahn, H. D.
Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, J. Cur-
reent, N. B. Kitchell and A. H.
Rumjahn.

CIVIL SERVICE 1st XI v.
NAVY.

The following will represent Civil
Service 1st XI v. Navy in a League
fixture at Happy Valley to-morrow
commencing at 2.15 p.m.:—A. E.
Wood (capt.), G. R. Sayer, E. W.
Hamilton, J. B. Reed, A. R.
Sutherland, F. J. Ling, F. H.
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pointed out that the same firm special-
izes, according to other parts of the
directory, in products with equally
uncommon names such as gaseol
compounds, hactopetone, anthema
aloin, senery, proflavine, bulyrates,
or coumarin.

Other interesting products are
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piperazine, scorflavine, renoleptine,
novarsenobillon, and phenolphthalein.
There is a